

Special Session of the Maryland General Assembly Convened, Made in Maryland Clean Energy, Residential Solar Array Results in Dramatic Energy Savings and more...

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Special Session Highlights

The Special Session of the General Assembly ended Wednesday with passage of two key revenue bills designed to provide enough revenues to offset the so-called "doomsday budget" that went into effect when the regular session ended in April. As expected, MEA's budget and programs remained largely intact. As introduced, MEA's budget was reduced by almost 40% as a hedge against declining revenues from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative which funds MEA as *MEA does not receive general funds*. The General Assembly understood the state's commitment to clean energy development in Maryland and approved Governor O'Malley's FY 2013 budget without any significant changes. In addition to support for MEA's budget, the General Assembly allocated \$25 million for energy efficiency upgrades or renewables in new and/or renovated schools in Maryland. MEA also won approval to start using a portion of the funds from the recent Constellation/Exelon merger to begin the geotechnical and geophysical exploration of the outer continental shelf to advance future offshore wind development.

MEA's Economic Development Program Boosts Clean Energy in Howard County

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Since receiving a MEA [Clean Energy Economic Development Initiative \(CEEDI\)](#) grant, Columbia-based [Advanced Technology & Research Corporation's](#) sun-tracking solar power system, which boosts panel efficiency by as much as 45 percent over fixed installations, has been racking up savings for Marylanders all across the state. On May 5th, a [ribbon-cutting was held at the Columbia Association's dedication of 12 twin-panel sun-tracking devices](#), which will provide clean, home-grown energy for CA's River Hill Neighborhood Center and Pool. A system this size could supply the average home with 80% of its total electrical needs and pay for itself in about six years with current State and Federal incentive programs. Next week, Howard County's first high-efficiency, sun-tracking electric vehicle (EV) solar charging station, also manufactured by ATR, will be [dedicated at a Clarksville Chevrolet dealership](#). Truly, Maryland companies like ATR that are charging forward with clean energy innovation are giving new meaning to "Made in Maryland".

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improving energy efficiency, upgrades and install renewable energy systems.

The Maryland Energy Administration assists Maryland citizens and businesses save money through smart investments to obtain real results in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and conservation. MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland.

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Montgomery County Couple Improves Energy Efficiency and Generates Clean, Renewable Energy

Jim Russ has been a passionate advocate of sustainable living for more than 70 years. [Read more](#) about his dramatic energy savings and the installation of a 2.3 kW solar array on his Montgomery Village home.



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